Australasian Council on Open, Distance and e-Learning

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• Presentation overview

  – Who are ACODE

  – How do we operate

  – Our upcoming activities
    • The ACODE Learning Technologies Leadership Institute
    • ACODE 61
• Who are ACODE?

  – The peak Australasian organisation for universities engaged or interested in open, distance, flexible and e-learning

  – Mission is to enhance policy and practice in open, distance, flexible and e-learning in Australasian higher education

  – To find out who your ACODE Representative is go to: http://www.acode.edu.au/members.php
• Who are ACODE?

  – Seek to influence policy and practice at institutional, national and international levels through:

    • disseminating and sharing knowledge and expertise
    • supporting professional development and providing networking opportunities
    • investigating, developing and evaluating new approaches
    • advising and influencing key bodies in higher education
    • promoting best practice

    • Associate Member of the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)
• How do we operate?
  – Meet three times a year for two days
  – Hosted by member institution
    • Meetings usually consist of:
      – a one day workshop
        » on a topic of policy and/or practice for Directors/Managers of university teaching and learning units or units concerned with open, distance or e-learning
        • Learning and Teaching Space/Learning Analytics/mLearning etc.
      – A business and networking meeting
        » sometimes a site visit at the host institution
Some recent activities

- **ACODE-funded Project: Sustaining eLearning Innovations**

  - In 2011, ACODE funded a project exploring issues related to the sustainability of eLearning innovations

  - Identified ten recommendations regarding sustainability of learning innovations that begin as funded projects in Australasian universities and develop outside of an enterprise learning management system environment

    - Research Study Report - by Cathy Gunn and Rhiannon Herrick (April 2012) disseminated to ACODE member institutions & available from the ACODE website.
Some recent activities

- National Networking Initiative (NNI) Project
  - Joint project led by ACODE and ascilite and includes CADAD, HERDSA, ODLAA, AARNet, Netspot and the Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT)
    - Key goal to:
      » work collaboratively with the kindred organisations of ACODE and ascilite...to enable a coordinated, collaborative and integrated approach to enhancing and promoting the vision and goals established by ALTC
  - Network of Australasian Tertiary Associations (NATA) developed from NNI with a mission:
    - to improve engagement and practice through network leadership
    - See http://nataonthenet.blogspot.com.au
• Some recent activities

– Provide strong membership involvement in the development of the Australian edition of the *Horizon* series of technology reports

• Most recently contributing to:

• Some recent activities

– ACODE LIAISONS

• In 2012 the ACODE Executive made a conscious decision to strengthen its ties with key organisations through identifying a liaison representative:

  – CAUDIT – Alan Arnold, University of Canberra
  – Ascilite – Philip Uys, Charles Sturt University
  – CADAD – Sue Stoney, Edith Cowan University
• Learning Technologies Leadership Institute
  – a residential leadership program
  – aimed at middle managers – academic and non academic who work with learning technologies in the Australasian Higher Education sector
  – Provides extended professional development opportunity for current and future leaders of Learning and Teaching and e-learning units
  – Key presenters include Professor Denise Kirkpatrick, Professor Shirley Alexander, Professor Geoff Scott
• 2013 Learning Technologies Leadership Institute
  – Outriggers, Twin Towns Resort, Coolangatta
  – 18-22 August, 2013
  – Director of LTTI:
    • Associate Professor Gordon Suddaby
      – ...an intensive, four day, live-in, leadership training programme, designed to assist participants
to exercise leadership in their current and future roles, delivered and supported by a world-class
    team

• Next ACODE (61) Hosted by the University of the South Pacific, Suva campus – 27/28 June 2013 – ‘Flipped Classrooms & Open Education Practice’
• Questions and comments

– Any?

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